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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS, TREASURER

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1886.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

Luke Merrill, damage to sheep by dogs.....	\$15 00
Stephen C. Dowlin, " " "	30 00
C. O. Murdough, " " "	5 00
Charles G. Putney, boarding selectmen, supervisors, auditors and horse keeping.....	65 00
Cornelius Cooledge, services of board of auditors....	18 00
Edgar Hazen, services of board of supervisors for March election, 1885.....	24 00
J. B. Whittemore, rent of library room one year.....	25 00
J. B. Whittemore, rent of selectmen's and town clerk's room	50 00
Geo. O. Hayward, damage to team and cash paid....	3 00
J. H. Eaton, wood and oil for selectmen's room	2.85
John Buswell, abatement of dog tax	1 00
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, stationery, books, &c.....	22 05
N. Wood, abatement of dog tax	1 00
Joseph Cota, abatement of tax.....	87
A. B. Kimball, abatement of dog tax	2 00
E. Dutton, use of Vestry hall for town meetings, one year ending Nov. 1885	30 00
E. Dutton, rent of tramp house for the year 1884....	5 00
M. H. Felt, return of births and deaths to Jan. 1885	4 25
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, book for town treasurer.....	4 50
C. W. Hutchins, printing town reports, March, 1885	64 00
F. H. Pierce, services on highway and cash paid in district No. 6	9 26
J. F. Grimes, voted to G.A.R. Post.....	50 00

George W. Gould, labor on highways.....	\$48 00
P. H. Dodge, damage to sleigh on highway	60
Morrill & Merrill, powder and fuse	7 25
Selectmen of Hillsborough, repairing highways in districts Nos. 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 19, 20, 27 and 29 in Hillsborough, and cash paid	378 35
Eugene E. Hoyt, damage done to horse, in district No. 20, Oct. 1884	20 00
Rice & Clement, lumber for bridge.....	44 29
Fred Brockway, plank, powder and fuse.....	15 03
C. W. Hutchins, printing supplements Fuller library	13 50
C. Cooledge, labor on highway district No. 17, '84...	5 08
J. L. Whitecomb, damage to plough.....	1 50
G. W. Mills, labor on highway, district No. 4.....	12 40
H. A. Davis, labor on highway, district No. 16.....	7 87
J. H. Eaton, for 380 feet drain pipe.....	73 08
T. J. Murdough, labor on highway, district No. 32 ..	22 00
G. W. Mills, labor and cash paid on Symonds bridge	14 40
Carlos Nelson, concreting sidewalks	497 82
T. J. Murdough, labor on highway, district No. 32 ..	35 60
J. M. Curtis, board of selectmen and horse keeping, April, 1885.....	45 50
W. E. Proctor, damage to horse on highway in dis- trict No. 2	30 00
John H. Hoyt, repairing bridge in district No. 6.....	11 85
John L. Shedd, work after counting day and cash paid	11 10
Hiram McColley, labor on highway, district No. 8...	5 25
John Grimes, fixing water course near his barn.....	3 00
John M. Curtis, cash paid repairing highway, dis- trict No. 7.....	8 30
C. W. Hutchins, publishing small pox notice.....	2 50
C. W. Perry, labor on highway, district No. 23.....	15 05
F. W. Bennett, wood for library room and select- men's room.....	2 75
Walter P. Straw, injuries received on highway by boys sliding onto him	32 50

N. Wood, railing bridge and labor on highway in district No. 20.....	\$24 00
Jas. M. Ray, damage to plough and labor on highway, district No. 30	7 00
J. H. Preston, damage to wagon, on highway	3 50
Horace C. Ferry, damage on highway, district No. 7	10 00
F. B. Abbott, labor an highway, district No. 35.....	18 75
Gawn W. Mills, labor widening road in district No. 4	91 20
M. M. Hadley, labor on highway and damage to plough, district No. 18.....	3 15
J. M. Curtis, income of M. W. and Sarah C. Fuller, legacies for library.....	180 00
J. M. Curtis, services and expenses for purchasing books in Boston for Fuller library, and work done about the books	22 00
Rodney Smith, labor and cash paid on highway, district No. 9	30 00
H. C. Ferry, powder furnished for highway use	3 50
N. E. Farrar, labor on highway, district No. 31	8 25
Fred Brockway, repairing bridge, planks, stringers and cash paid for teaming, &c., in district No. 17	48 11
J. C. Campbell, insuring Fuller library books, &c....	9 00
L. F. Gay, labor on highway, district No. 22.....	1 05
John Baker, over tax	2 29
D. Davis, labor on highway and damage to plough, district No. 19	10 75
C. W. Hutchins, printing cards and supplements for Fuller library	14 50
J. L. Shedd, labor on highway, district No. 21.....	16 55
Rice & Clement, lumber, had in 1884	7 49
Judson W. Gould, labor on highway, district No. 12	3 75
Judson W. Gould, labor on highway, district No. 29	39 10
Charles B. Crooker, labor on highway, district No. 11	2 10
M. H. Felt, returning births and deaths to Jan. 1886	7 50
Alonzo Knight, damage to wagon and cash paid	6 50
T. J. Murdough, labor on highway, district No. 32 ..	3 30

W. P. Jones, abatement of dog tax.....	\$1 00
S. C. Gammell, labor on highway, district No. 36....	12 85
Rice & Clement, lumber for bridge and railing in district No. 38.....	8 16
Andy Clough, work on sidewalks.....	1 75
G. E. Butterfield, labor on highway, district No. 6...	6 00
Rodney Smith, work on Kimball bridge.....	4 50
H. McColley, labor on highway, district No. 8.	3 45
Town of Hillsborough, cash for watering troughs. ...	24 50
Alden P. Farrar, labor on highway, district No. 34.,	9 00
Henry J. Brown, labor on highway, district No. 27...	10 80
J. H. Eaton, repairing road machine and iron for bridge.....	19 43
Carlos Nelson, stone and stone work and concreting at end of bridge, Bridge village	24 00
C. W. Hutchins, printing notice of law prohibiting sliding in the streets	1 25
C. W. Hutchins, services as S. S. committee and printing notices	103 65
D. F. Murdough, damage done him by boys sliding in highway	4 50
Levi W. McAdams, services as police.....	50 00
Mary C. Bixby, services as librarian and work on li- brary books.....	86 00
Frank E. Merrill, services as town clerk, recording births and deaths and returning same, and for books.....	79 75
Lewis Vickery, labor on highway.....	1 28
Henry Andrews, labor on highway.....	5 25
J. C. Campbell, services as town treasurer for 1885..	50 00
Chas. F. Greenleaf, abatement, in part, on tax	2 08
W. H. Manahan, cash paid expense to Nashua, and cash paid Register of Deeds, for records of town property	8 80
John Goodell, cash paid out on matter of town his- tory	3 20
John Goodell, returning births and deaths to Jan.'86	3 75

Town of Hillsborough, cash paid for vaccination of children, as by law required	\$8 25
A. C. Burnham, returning births and deaths, to Jan. 1886.....	6 50
John M. Curtis, services as selectman.....	165 00
John M. Curtis, cash paid expenses.....	43 25
Jubal H. Eaton, services as selectman.....	150 50
Jubal H. Eaton, cash paid expenses.....	35 75
Rodney Smith, services as selectman.....	108 00
Rodney Smith, cash paid expenses.....	12 00
M. M. Hadley, services as collector of taxes.....	80 00
M. M. Hadley, abatement of taxes for 1884.....	8 70
M. M. Hadley, abatement of taxes for 1885.....	39 47
M. M. Hadley, non-resident highway taxes worked..	52 92
J. C. Campbell, interest paid on town notes.....	195 90
J. C. Campbell, town notes paid and interest on the same, and endorsement paid.....	\$4,609 46
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Total miscellaneous orders.....	\$8,410 34
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John C. Campbell, State tax paid	\$1,664 00
John C. Campbell, County tax paid.....	1,211 38
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Total amount of orders.....	\$11,285 72

BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

District No. 1	George W. Burnham.....	\$22 94
2	Horace Eaton.....	17 85
3	Frank W. Bennett.....	25 30
4	George E. Hoit	7 60
5	Alonzo Tuttle.....	18 15
6	Frank H. Pierce	27 03
7	Montgomery Craige.....	17 33
8	Charles F. Wilkins	15 45
9	Frank V. Bradford.....	17 90
10	Stephen C. Dowlin.....	9 40

District No. 11	Charles B. Crooker.....	\$47 78
12	David M. Ray	74 78
13	Albert J. Burnham	35 06
14-37	Edgar Hazen	36 52
15	Nathan M. Blood.....	5 25
16	Hiram A. Davis.....	40 33
17	Cornelius Cooledge	54 30
18	John Harriman.....	36 34
19	Eugene E. Hoyt.....	68 66
20	Nathaniel Wood.....	21 30
21	George Jones	30 37
22	Langdon F. Gay.....	11 70
23	Oramel Danforth.....	26 17
24	Harvey Jones.....	10 80
25	Clark W. Sturtevant.....	13 50
26	Charles W. Taylor.....	17 47
27	Seth Mellen.....	8 29
28	George D. Wood.....	2 63
29	John L. Whitcomb.....	14 47
30	Charles H. Morgan	26 47
31-33	Nathan E. Farrar	23 55
32	Daniel F. Murdough.....	38 36
34	Alden P. Farrar.....	10 11
35	Gordon B. Wilson.....	25 81
36	Dana A. Powers.....	25 20
38	Jubal H. Eaton	28 35
	Total.....	\$912 52

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1	\$625 48
2	64 00
3	68 88
4	93 37
5	69 37
6.....	113 78

District No. 8.....	\$64 39
9.....	74 73
10.....	80 58
11.....	76 09
12.....	61 48
13.....	61 71
14.....	57 88
15.....	64 88
16.....	60 32
17.....	87 93
18.....	74 53
19.....	31 37
 Total	 \$1,830 77

POOR ORDERS.

James C. Richardson, for support of Louisa Potter	\$3 00
Kneeland A. Burtt, for his support	16 00
R. T. Abbott, care of K. A. Burtt.....	4 00
Chas. Kimball, provisions furnished K. A. Burtt	3 48
S. D. Hastings, for casket, robe, and attending the funeral of K. A. Burtt	20 00
J. F. Chase, for use of team at funeral of K. A. Burtt	2 00
J. S. Butler, for goods furnished K. A. Burtt and family	10 00
M. H Felt, medical attendance for K. A. Burtt.....	10 00
J. C. Campbell, house rent for B. F. Burtt.....	8 00
J. M. Curtis, provisions and wood furnished W. S. Carter and A. Dow	9 50
J. H. Eaton, provisions, wood and clothing furnished B. F. Burtt.....	12 66
F. W. Bennett, for wood furnished Mrs. C. A. Blan- chard.....	5 25
C. G. Putney, for board of transient persons apply- ing for assistance.....	14 00

G. E. Butterfield, for board of transient persons applying for assistance.....	\$3 00
J. M. Curtis, for rent of house and garden, owned by J. Greely Fifield heirs, for Archibald Dow and family, 28 months	35 00
J. P. Gibson, for goods furnished W. S. Carter and family.	44 32
John Harriman, for services as agent at Poor farm, one year.....	250 00
J. M. Curtis, for services and expenses as overseer of poor.....	39 50
J. H. Eaton, for services and expenses as overseer of poor.....	39 05
Rodney Smith, for services and expenses as overseer of poor	15 50
 Total	 \$544 26

The services and expenses of the overseers of the poor is for town poor and county poor in the town.

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND GOODS AT POOR FARM,
FEBRUARY 15, 1886.

2 oxen.....	\$140 00
10 cows	330 00
1 four-years-old	40 00
4 two-years-old	80 00
5 yearlings	75 00
1 calf.....	6 00
2 shoats.....	40 00
14 hens	7 00
12 tons English hay	240 00
25 tons stock hay.....	300 00
2 1-2 tons corn fodder	12 50
1 ton straw.....	10 00
1-2 ton meal	11 00

30 bushels barley.....	\$ 30 00
110 " corn	100 00
47 " oats.....	26 00
6 " rye.....	6 00
10 " beans	20 00
1 1-2 " peas	2 00
115 " potatoes.....	46 00
9 " turnips.....	2 25
6 " beets.....	2 00
3 " carrots.....	1 00
1 1-2 " onions.....	1 50
83 lbs. cut meat.....	12 45
450 " pork.....	45 00
215 " hams and shoulders	28 00
200 " beef.....	16 00
225 " fresh meat	18 00
100 " lard.....	14 00
Lot of miscellaneous articles.....	128 05
50 cords of wood.....	150 00
3 M. feet of lumber.....	30 00
3 M. shingles.....	6 00
 Total.....	 \$1,975 75

CASH ACCOUNT OF JOHN HARRIMAN,

Agent at the Poor Farm.

515 lbs. butter sold.....	\$111 12
50 " lard	6 98
75 " hides	4 12
Lot of chickens	6 60
4 pigs.....	12 00
68 dozen eggs.....	11 10
Beef cattle sold	182 66
Calves	23 92
8 barrels apples	9 00
Lot of miscellaneous articles.....	10 87

Keeping pedlers.....	\$ 3 70
Board of county paupers	185 00
Labor off the farm.....	38 15
Total	\$605 17

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF FARM.

For grain and meal.....	\$9 30
phosphate	13 97
school house tax	2 57
clothing for Patten family	5 76
lot of miscellaneous articles.....	65 70
sawing lumber.....	4 99
James Ray, for labor	2 00
Leonard Martin, for labor.....	1 00
Milton McCoy, for labor	2 00
Levi Pike, for labor.....	50
Lewis Vickery, for labor	1 00
George Fletcher, for labor, haying.....	41 75
M. B. Chase, for labor, haying.....	5 25
Alden Vickery, for labor.....	3 00
Frank L. Murdough, for labor	15 00
Walter Woods, for threshing grain.....	7 54
Harvey Hopkins, repairing clock.....	1 00
grinding grain.....	8 27
McClintock & Son, repairing plough.....	2 25
W. L. Pickering, meat bill.....	18 52
H. C. Ferry, hardware bill.....	15 95
J. P. Gibson, store bill.....	10 86
Chas. Brockway, store bill.....	21 47
Dutton & Morse, store bill.....	53 81
Chas. Kimball, store bill	83 10
Morrill & Merrill, store bill	12 30
Morrill & Merrill, meal bill.....	40 15
Chas. Danforth, blacksmith bill	14 75
J. H. Eaton, blacksmith bill	7 60
cash paid to town treasurer, for beef cattle sold	103 00
cash in hands of agent, J. Harriman	30 81
Total	\$605 17

GENERAL STATEMENT OF POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

<i>The Poor Farm.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
To amount of inventory last year.....	\$1,908.41
services of agent to March 27, 1886	250 00
	————— \$2,158 41

<i>The Poor Farm.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
By amount of inventory this year.....	\$1,975 75
cash in hands of agent, J. Harriman	30 81
	————— \$2,006 56
Balance.....	\$151 85

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

MARCH 1, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes against the town—

One note due Lucinda Francis.....	\$150 00
Rebecca Goodell	500 00
Sylvester Atwood	200 00
Jemima Sawyer	100 00
George A. Nichols.....	300 00
Hannah E. Codman.....	100 00
Fanny H. Manahan.	500 00
Rhény C. Loveren	200 00
Mary A. Gerry.....	150 00
Mehitable Ordway.....	100 00
Selectmen of Hillsborough, under the will of Abby	
C. Murdough,	100 00
Zelpah Kendall	100 00
George A. Nichols.....	200 00
Ursula R. Wyman.....	100 00
Nancy F. Murdough.....	100 00
Lucinda M. Young.	100 00
Mary S. Emery	260 00

One note due Mary A. Codman.....	\$280 00
Mary Manahan.....	450 00
Rebecca Goodell	500 00
Hannah E. Codman.....	200 00
John M. Curtis.....	200 00
Jemima Sawyer	1000 00
Josephine L. Wall.....	250 00
John M. Curtis.....	250 00
Hannah E. Codman.....	300 00
Charles H. Grinnell.....	300 00

Total.....	\$6,990 00

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1886.....	\$1,006 40
Taxes of 1885, uncollected	400 00

	\$1,406 40

Total indebtedness of the town.....	\$5,583 60
Decrease of debt this year.....	\$1,239 22

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. CURTIS, } Selectmen
 JUBAL H. EATON, } of
 RODNEY SMITH, } Hillsborough.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's account with the Town of Hillsborough is as follows :

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1885.....	\$1,426 64
From State Literary Fund.....	224 48
Savings Bank tax	2,025 42
Railroad tax.....	86 35
Poor farm.....	103 00
Circus license.....	10 00
H. E. Swain, damage by dog.....	7 50
Town notes issued.	2,900 00
J. H. Eaton, drain pipe sold.....	8 70
M. M. Hadley, collector, balance of tax, 1883	5 90
M. M. Hadley, balance of tax, '84	284 64
M. M. Hadley, interest on tax, '84	9 90
M. M. Hadley, taxes of 1885.....	8,478 50
M. M. Hadley, interest on tax, '85	8 64

Total receipts by the Treasurer, \$15,579 67

Accounted for by orders of the Selectmen, as follows :

For State tax	\$1,664 00
County tax	1,211 38
Breaking road orders.....	912 52
Poor orders	544 26
School orders	1,830 77
Miscellaneous orders.....	8,410 34

	\$14,573 27
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer...	\$1,006 40

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CAMPBELL,

Town Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Although for a time the future existence of the schools in this village was uncertain, owing to the doubt and uncertainty shrouding the operation and effect of the new school law, approved August 13th, 1885, all doubt is now removed by the Supreme court in a test case, at Concord, which decision enables this district to continue its present status and separate organization, is we believe sufficient to deserve a published report at least once in three years. The present school building, erected at a cost of nearly \$11,000, is an ornament to the village and shows plainly the liberality and progressive ideas of the tax payers of the district. It was completed and surrendered by the contractors to the building committee, early in December, 1883, who gave the board of education immediate and peaceable possession. They prepared and adopted a course of study for four departments, September 1, 1884. Separating the school from the financial year, the latter ending March 1st, the former about the first of July, so that our report embraces the Spring of the last school year and the Fall and Winter terms of the present school year. The district appropriated the sum of \$900 for the support of schools the present school year, which, with the tuition and money received from the town, was barely sufficient to support the four departments three terms.

SPRING TERMS.

High—eleven weeks—Geo. A. Dickey, A. B., principal.

Grammar—Eleven weeks—Miss Mary E. Whittemore, teacher.

Intermediate—Eleven weeks—Miss Jennie Breed, teacher.

Primary—Eight weeks—Miss Clara F. Potter, teacher.

The school year closed with this term. During the long Summer vacation the Board of Education received many applications for positions in the second departments. There was therefore no lack of material from which to select teachers.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

High—Both terms eleven weeks, Geo. A. Dickey, A.B. principal.

Grammar—Both terms of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Ada H. Buxton; number of pupils, 33.

Intermediate—Both terms eleven weeks, taught by Miss Marion A. Moore; number of pupils, 37.

Primary—Both terms ten weeks, taught by Miss Clara F. Potter; number of pupils, 49.

M. H. FELT,

For the Board of Education.

REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

H. G. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Mary Clement of North Branch, was one of real pleasure and profit. Miss Clement is an efficient, practical teacher, firm but kind in discipline, deeply interested in her work, and she won the love of her scholars and the confidence of the parents. Her services in the school-room will insure a profitable term.

The Winter term was in charge of Miss Jennie E. Wassall of Francestown, a teacher of experience and ability and who performed the duties devolving upon her in a conscientious and satisfactory manner. Both terms were indeed successful.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

HENRY BROWN, Prudential Committee.

One term of twelve weeks, under the instruction of Ned D. Webber, who labored hard and faithfully in the discharge of his duties, and to a great extent the desired improvement was made. One impediment to progress was the large number of primary scholars, who could not be classified. As an example, six classes in reading were composed of only seven pupils, thus requiring much valuable time that should have been devoted to others. Mr. Webber is an excellent teacher, and with good material will show rapid advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

CHARLES SCRUTON, Prudential Committee.

Amy L. Story of the Bridge, had charge of the school during the Summer and Fall terms. Miss Story is an earnest, hard-working teacher, and met with excellent success. At each of my visits I found the scholars orderly, studious, and perfect harmony existing between teacher and pupils.

Winter term was taught by Miss Mary E. Whittemore. This lady's experience and natural and acquired abilities place her among our best teachers. Her methods are broad, practical and thorough, and the progress made by the scholars under her tuition was such that all interested could not feel otherwise than pleased.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

J. H. JONES, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice Perry of the Centre, a young lady who bids fair to become a superior teacher. The school was a success in every particular. Not a mark appears on the register against the names of the four girls who attended this term.

Fall term — Angie I. Marcy instructress. Miss Marcy is a teacher of experience, thorough, systematic, and a good disciplinarian. The progress made was above the average, showing that there had been deep interest in the different studies

pursued. The schools in this district during the past two years have been very successful.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

S. A. BROWN, Prudential Committee.

Summer term of ten weeks in charge of Miss Clara F. Potter, passed very pleasantly and profitably, the teacher bringing to the school-room experience and ability, and her former acquaintance with the major portion of the pupils, aided her considerably in classifying the school, so that no time was lost in commencing the work of the term systematically, and the close of the school showed commendable advancement.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Alice A. Gould of Antrim. The teacher was earnest in her work, competent, and, although the term was short, good progress was made. A very interesting examination took place at the close of the school.

Judging from the appearance of the register for both terms there is a lack of interest in school matters somewhere, as the record of attendance indicates several of the scholars absent more than one-fifth of the term, and marks of tardiness are very noticeable. Regularity and punctuality are two necessary requisites for successful schools.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

AUGUSTUS LEWIS, Prudential Committee.

Summer term of eight and Fall term of fourteen weeks, were under the instruction of Venetta D. Brown of East Washington. Miss Brown, though young in experience, has heart in the work, and will not rest content until every point of the subject is made plain to the pupil, and often incorporates into the lessons practical illustrations that cannot fail to cause a clear understanding in the minds of her charge. Both terms were a credit to all concerned.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

D. M. RAY, Prudential Committee.

Evidently believing that the best is the cheapest, the committee engaged the services of Miss Ada Buxton of the Bridge village, for the Summer term, knowing her to be a teacher of

fine attainments, and an excellent school was the result of his judgment.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Stella M. Baker of Goshen, who filled the position very acceptably, and the closing examination convinced your committee that a great deal of hard work had been done. Few suburban schools are equal to No. 9.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

E. E. HOYT, Prudential Committee.

Two terms—Summer and Fall—taught by Miss Belle C. Hoyt of the Centre, whose experience well qualified her for the position. Miss Hoyt is an excellent teacher, and had her scholars under good control, and the progress made—considering the length of the terms, six and eight weeks, respectively—was commendable. I never saw the school appear to better advantage than at my closing visit.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

W. E. GAY, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, under the instruction of Miss Mabel P. Wyman of the Bridge, passed off very pleasantly and a good degree of improvement was manifested. Miss Wyman, although young in experience, bids fair to rank high as a teacher.

Miss Julia Gay, who had charge of the Fall term, is a teacher of unusual force and ability, and her efforts were attended with flattering success.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

WILL HOYT, Prudential Committee.

Fall term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Mabel Shedd. The teacher was competent and did her duty conscientiously. The school is small and apparently but little interest is taken by either parents or scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

LOVINA MORGAN, Prudential Committee.

Two terms, and under the instruction of the same teacher as last year, Miss Lucy Gaumnell, who was the right person in the right place. A small but pleasant school.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

This district provides but one term of school annually for its scholars. The past term was taught by Lizzie Jones, in a very acceptable manner, and the progress made was all that could reasonably be expected. Eight weeks of school and forty-four weeks' vacation will not educate a young person very thoroughly.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

MRS. A. P. FARRAR, Prudential Committee.

Two terms taught by Mary L. Bowles of Deering. This was Miss Bowles' first experience in instructing the young idea, yet few older teachers could have been as successful in that school. Taking into consideration the ages of the pupils no school in town made more progress and none passed so perfect an examination. At my closing visit, in addition to the regular recitations, the long list of questions in geography and history were answered perfectly, plainly showing that they gained much valuable information that was not contained in their text-books. The teacher did herself great credit for the first term. We hope she will continue in the profession, as experience will place her among our best.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

MRS. HANNAH MURDOUGH, Prudential Committee.

A Fall term of thirteen weeks, taught by May E. Kellom. A small school; well disciplined, thoroughly instructed, and the progress made was quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

JOHN HARRIMAN, Prudential Committee.

Summer term was taught by Alma C. Hadley, a young lady who has had charge of this school several previous terms, who met with excellent success. We believe in retaining the good teachers as long as they prove themselves valuable. Good order was maintained, and the progress made satisfactory.

Fall term was in charge of Mark M. Hadley, one of Hillsborough's veteran teachers, whose success in the school-room

is too well known to our people to need comment at my hands. The employment of good teachers is the rule in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

C. W. STURTEVANT, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were under the instruction of Julia M. Gay of the Centre. Miss Gay is a thorough, practical teacher, full of life and ambition, and is bound to succeed. Both terms were creditable to the district, teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 19.

J. S. MOORE, Prudential Committee.

One term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Lottie M. Gibson, the teacher of the previous term. Four scholars are now enrolled on the register from this district, against one last year, which, with seven pupils from No. 6, made a very interesting school; profitably conducted by Miss Gibson. During the term the school-house was broken into and the register and several books were destroyed, consequently the statistical report of the school is not complete.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There is little more to be said. I have endeavored to report each district in a fair and impartial manner, giving such credit only as is due. The schools, taken as a whole, have been excellent, and in my opinion a little better than the previous year, owing in some instances, to the engagement of teachers more thoroughly adapted to the work. In reporting "good progress made," etc., I do not wish to be understood as saying that *every* scholar made good progress, for such is not the case, but the fact I intend to convey is that those who were regular in attendance and tried to learn achieved a degree of improvement according to his ability to receive it. If any scholar did not get his quota of knowledge it was not the fault of the teachers, as they are not expected to go out of the school-room to perform their duties. Of the twenty-three teachers under my supervision, I believe each one has been deeply interested and faithful in their calling.

The greatest hindrance to the prosperity and advancement of our schools is irregularity of attendance, which has been exceptionally noticeable the past year. In one district, of 26 scholars, the record of absence in a single term, is 148 half-days: in another, 145; and one other bears a record of 113, and so on down, while a number are above 50. The cause of this lack of attendance I know not, but attribute a large percentage of it to the laxity of parents in enforcing upon the minds of their sons and daughters the importance of attending school regularly. There is certainly a reform needed in this direction, and we trust the time is not far distant when all things not in strict accordance with the harmony and thrift of our public schools will be removed, and they shall attain the highest standard possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. HUTCHINS,

S. S. Committee.

February 27, 1886.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District.	TEACHERS.	No. weeks in School terms.	Wages per month, including board, when fur- nished.												
			No. Scholars.				No. Reading.				Spelling.				
			Geography.				Grammar.				History.		Bookkeeping.		
			Algebra.	Penmanship.	Arithmetick.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Bookkeeping.	Algebra.	Penmanship.	Arithmetick.	Geography.	Grammar.	
1	Ada H. Buxton.	g 11 34 34 34 34 34 34 34								34					\$28 00
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1	Clara F. Potter.	p 10 48													24 00
1	Clara F. Potter.	p 10 49													24 00
2	Mary A. Clement.	9 9 9 9 7 6								9					10 00
	Jennie E. Wassall.	13 12 12 12 12 11	1	1	1	1									12 00
3	N. D. Webber.	12 15 15 15 9 1	4	5						6					25 00
4	Amy L. Story.	8 11 9 9 5 1								9					15 00
	Amy L. Story.	8 10													18 00
	Mary E. Whittemore.	9 10 10 9 10 7 7								8					20 00
5	Alice M. Perry.	8 7 7 7 6 6 2								6					18 00
	Angie I. Marcy.	15 8 8 8 7 7 4								8					22 00
6	Clara F. Potter.	10 26 26 26 26 8 5	2							26					20 00
	A. A. Gould.	7 38 37 37 33 22 6	3							37	3				26 00
8	Venetta D. Brown.	8 9 9 9 7 4 3	3							5					10 00
	Venetta D. Brown.	15 11 11 11 9 4 4	3							2					11 00
9	Ada H. Buxton.	8 9 9 9 7 3 4	2							5					24 00
	Stella M. Baker.	14 14 14 14 13 6 3								6					24 00
10	Belle C. Hoyt.	6 16 15 12 9 7 3	1							8					20 00
	Belle C. Hoyt.	7 19 19 15 15 10 4	1	3						3	12	2			24 00
11	Mabel P. Wyman.	8 11 11 11 9 8 4	3									3			12 00
	Julia M. Gay.	10 13 12 12 11 8 6	2							5	3				20 00
12	Mabel F. Shedd.	11 7 7 5 5 5 2	1							1					20 00
13	Lucy A. Gammell.	9 4 4 4 3 3							1	2				8 00	
	Lucy A. Gammell.	10 5 4 4 3 3	1	1						4					16 00
15	Mary L. Bowles.	9 4 4 2 2								2					14 00
	Mary L. Bowles.	9 5 5 3 3	1	1						3					16 00
16	May E. Kellom.	13 7 7 7 5 4								3					18 00
17	Alma C. Hadley.	7 8 8 8 7 6	3							2	1				20 00
	Mark M. Hadley.	10 11 11 11 10 8	5							2	6	1			24 00
18	Julia M. Gay.	8 4 4 3 3	2							1	2				16 00
	Julia M. Gay.	9 10 10 10 8 5	3							5	2				16 00
19	Lottie M. Gibson.	11 11													14 00

Registers of the High School and District No. 14 have not been received and are consequently omitted above.

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Respectfully,

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Hillsborough, March 1, 1886.

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